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# Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/713,868

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Tammara R. Peyton

Art Unit

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --  
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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 and 19-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 and 19-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/9/06, 9/12/05, 10/26/04
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-17 and 19-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over IEEE standard 1596.4-1996, filed as prior art.

As per claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8-11, 13-16, 19-23, 25, and 26, IEEE teaches a memory buffer comprising:

a redrive circuit to receive a signal from a first point-to-point link and redrive the signal on a second point-to-point link (RAM link, Fig. 14, pg. 12, paragraph 3.7.1, pg. 13, first paragraph); and a memory device and (pg. 15, SIMM modules in Fig. 14) and a data accumulator coupled to the redrive circuit and the memory device (see page 22). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill that IEEE obviously teaches use of a data accumulator and further teaches a type of redrive circuit with data flow in an unidirectional point-to-point link.

As per claims 3, 12, 17, and 24, IEEE discloses write/read data in a FIFO structure. However, FIFO structures are well known in the art, thereby making use of

this type of write/read delivery obvious to one of ordinary skill in the field of memory architectures.

As per claim 5, it would have been obvious that each driver/receiver disclosed in IEEE is a RingLink module that is coupled to its memory drive.

As per claim 7, it would have been obvious to the memory module disclosed in IEEE is capable of handling different transmission speeds including burst transfer.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tammara Peyton whose telephone number is (571) 272-4157. The examiner can normally be reached between 6:30 - 4:00 from Monday to Thursday, (I am off every first Friday), and 6:30-3:00 every second Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Huynh can be reached on (571) 272-4147. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300. Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2100.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tammara Peyton', written over the printed name and title.

Tammara Peyton

March 8, 2006